



Permanent Mission of Lithuania
to the United Nations



INVITATION

BRIEFING ON

**THE ROLES OF WOMEN IN PREVENTING AND RESPONDING TO TERRORISM AND VIOLENT
EXTREMISM: ADVANCING INTEGRATED APPROACHES**

Friday, 29 April 2016

10:00am – 12:00pm

Conference Room 6 | UN Headquarters

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Lithuania to the United Nations and the Global Center on Cooperative Security cordially invites you to a briefing to explore the roles of women in preventing and responding to terrorism and violent extremism, and advancing integrated approaches to implementing Security Council Resolution 2242.

Peace and security actors are increasingly focused on the roles of women in both supporting and preventing violent extremism. The Security Council, through various resolutions, called for increased attention on the roles of women in promoting international peace and security. For example, Resolution 2129 urged the inclusion of women, peace and security (WPS) issues in all relevant work of the Council and Resolution 2178 called on member states to strengthen engagement with civil society, women and youth to prevent the outflow of foreign terrorist fighters. Recently, Resolution 2242 called for further integration of various peace and security agendas – WPS, counter-terrorism, and preventing violent extremism (PVE).

The importance of integrating a gender dimension into PVE and counterterrorism efforts was also highlighted in an important [Open Briefing](#) on this issue by UN Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee (CTC). This issue has also been reflected in numerous international approaches including the Secretary-General's Plan of Action to Prevent Violent Extremism and by other international actors such as the Global Counterterrorism Forum, the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) and the European Union. The 60th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) included a number of events focusing on this topic.

Increased international attention to comprehensive responses to terrorism that include a preventive dimension have highlighted the importance of strategic coherence across a number of fields, critical to ensuring the effectiveness and sustainability of efforts. In this environment, it is important to consider potential areas of convergence between the WPS and P/CVE agenda as well as ways of mitigating risks. While the policy discourse has often highlighted the important roles of women, there is less focus on the practical dimensions of implementation, and the tangible support that the UN can offer national and local actors in these efforts.

This briefing will bring together member state representative and civil society experts to explore practical dimensions of integrating a gender dimension into national and UN efforts to empower women and address terrorism and violent extremism. It will also allow for a discussion of key highlights from a workshop to be held on the previous day by the Global Center on Cooperative Security, in partnership with The Institute for Inclusive Security, undertaken with support from the Permanent Mission of Australia.

To register for this event, please e-mail lithuaniaun@gmail.com by Tuesday 27 April 2016. Kindly indicate if you will need a temporary grounds pass. For inquiries, contact Ms. Rafia Bhulai at rbhulai@globalcenter.org.

AGENDA

10:00 **Welcome and introduction**

- **H.E. Ambassador Raimonda Murmokaitė**, Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Lithuania to the United Nations
- **Naureen Chowdhury Fink**, Head of Research and Analysis, Global Center on Cooperative Security

10:20 **Panel discussion**

- **Sureya Roble-Hersi**, National Vice Chairperson, Maendeleo Ya Wanawake Organization, Kenya
- **Ruby Kholifah**, Director, Asian Muslim Action Network, Indonesia
- **Marita Sorheim-Rensvik**, Coordinator – Women, Peace and Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway

Moderator: **H.E. Ambassador Raimonda Murmokaitė**, Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Lithuania to the United Nations

11:00 **Q & A**

11:50 **Wrap up and closing remarks**

- **H.E. Ambassador Raimonda Murmokaitė**, Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Lithuania to the United Nations